

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

I.A.S - Legal Expenses - Sanction of an amount of Rs.15.00 lakhs to Smt. Smita Sabharwal, IAS, Additional Secretary to Chief Minister towards legal expenses - Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 2296

Date: 20.08.2015,

Read:-

From Smt. Smita Sabharwal, IAS, Additional Secretary to Chief Minister letter dt. 29.07.2015.

ORDER:

In the letter first read, Smt. Smita Sabharwal, IAS, Additional Secretary to Chief Minister has informed that she is intending to file a Civil Suit worth Rs.10.00 crore against the management of the Outlook Magazine for posting an article and a cartoon in July 6th edition of Outlook Magazine. The Member of Service has further informed that as per the norms an amount of Rs.9.75 lakhs has to be deposited in the court towards Court Fee while filing the Civil Suit and requested to sanction an amount of Rs. 15.00 lakhs, so as to enable her to go ahead with the above case. The approximate details of Court Fee to be deposited and other legal expenses are as follows:-

| S.No. | Particulars | Amount (approximately) |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Court fee for the civil suit for damages | Rs.9,75,426/- |
| 2 | Litigation expenses including Legal representation for criminal complaint, civil suit, possible quashment proceedings in the Hon'ble High Court | Rs.5,00,000/- |
| | Total: | Rs.14,75,426/- |

2. Sanction is hereby accorded for an amount of Rs. 15.00 lakhs (Rupees fifteen lakhs only) to Smt. Smita Sabharwal, IAS, Additional Secretary to Chief Minister towards legal expenses in connection with filing of Civil Suit against the management of Outlook Magazine in the above matter, subject to condition that in case of compensation being awarded by Court, this amount should be refunded. She should give utilization certification along with detailed bills/receipts towards its use.

3. The expenditure sanctioned in Para-2 above shall be debited to the relevant head of account.

4. The General Administration (Claims.C) Department is requested to draw and credit the amount in favour of "Smt.Smita Sabharwal, IAS, Additional Secretary to Chief Minister".

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (EBS.I) Department vide their U.O. No. 363/EBS.I/A1/15, dt. 1.8.2015.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**VIKAS RAJ,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (POLL)**

To

Smt. Smita Sabharwal, IAS, Additional Secretary to Chief Minister.
The General Administration (Claims.C) Department.

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The Pay And Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Accountant General, Telangana, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Finance (EBS.I) Department.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER (SC)